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MAR 13 2007

Ms. I. Elizabeth Edwards  
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Dear Ms. Edwards:

Thank you for your February 16, 2007 letter to Alan J. Steinberg, Regional Administrator. Your letter has been referred to me for a response. In your letter you indicated that the Mullica Township Board of Education is opposed to the Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation's Decommissioning Plan and that the Board of Education has approved a Resolution requesting that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) exercise their jurisdiction over the Shieldalloy Decommissioning Plan.

The Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation (SMC) facility located in Newfield, New Jersey is responsible for wastes located at its facility that come under the authority of EPA's Superfund program, as well as wastes that are currently regulated by the NRC. EPA and NJDEP are working together to oversee SMC's ongoing investigation and cleanup of the soil, sediment and groundwater contamination under the Superfund program. This investigation does not include the radioactive material stored on the site. The handling of the radioactive waste material is currently under the jurisdiction of the NRC. SMC holds a radioactive materials license, issued by the NRC, for the handling of radioactive material. Under the terms of this license, SMC has ceased operations at the facility and submitted a Decommissioning Plan to the NRC for review. The plan proposes to consolidate and cover radioactive material at the SMC facility and subject the material to long-term maintenance.

EPA is currently performing a technical review of the SMC Decommissioning Plan and when we have finished our review, we will provide comments to NRC. It is our understanding that NRC's review process will be lengthy and will take into consideration EPA's comments, as well as public comments it receives. NRC has indicated that it will take between two and three years before it can render a decision on the document. SMC cannot implement this plan without NRC's approval.

The protection of public health and the environment is of utmost importance to EPA in selecting cleanup actions to be taken at Superfund Sites. EPA will work with NJDEP and NRC to ensure that the final remedy for the radioactive waste material will be protective of human health and the environment.

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If you should have any additional concerns or questions regarding the Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation Superfund Site, please contact Mr. Trevor Anderson, of my staff, at (212) 637-4425.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. Pavlou", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George Pavlou, Director  
Emergency & Remedial Response Division

cc: Irene Kropp, NJDEP  
Donna Gaffigan, NJDEP

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